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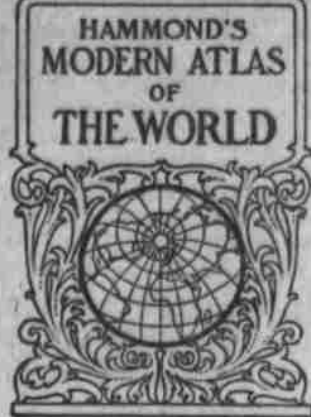
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## WILD DOGS MENACED PARIS

Serious Situation That Became One of the Worst Features of Reign of Terror.

So many startling events happened from day to day during the Reign of Terror that the apparition of wild dogs in Paris was commonly overlooked. But it was quite natural. The greater part of the grandoes, who fled or went into hiding, kept dogs, and very few of them were able to make arrangements for the poor beasts when they left home.

The dogs, abandoned, took to the streets of course, and shortly they began to congregate in two packs, one occupying the Champs Elysees, and one the Bois de Boulogne. Soon they became a public danger. Carlyle poked fun at Santerre, the brewer, who proposed a law that all dogs should be hanged; he had not noticed the paragraphs in the newspapers telling how people had been attacked in the Champs Elysees.

At length the situation became really grave, as is easily understood when thousands of starving animals have to find subsistence in a starving city. Many of them were wolf hounds, and of powerful fighting breeds. So in September, 1793, drastic measures were taken against the Champs Elysees pack.

Two battalions of the National Guard surrounded the area, leaving a gap toward the Rue Royale, while multitudes of ragamuffins beat the cover. The game was driven up to the Rue Royale to the Place Royale, where troops made a battle of it, firing volleys. Three days consecutively this operation was repeated and more than three thousand dogs lay in the place.

A certain Gaspardin received orders to clear them away, and he, short of means, applied for the Royal equipages. It was a timely jest, greeted with applause. So M. Gaspardin packed the dead dogs neck and heels in the gilded coaches as full as they would hold, and made a state procession through delighted Paris.

## HARD ON MRS. PACKER, TOO

Little Mistake in Matter of Tickets Causes No End of Annoyance.

Blueberry was a small and unimportant rural railroad station, and the post of ticket agent was held by Mrs. Nancy Dipple, an energetic woman who lived near the tracks. Travel to and from the town was light, and having little use for a separate office, Mrs. Dipple sold railroad tickets, when they were called for, at her own house, where she kept her stock for safety in a bureau drawer.

Besides selling tickets, Mrs. Dipple "did for" a household of boarders and a shiftless husband. A ticket for town being required one day when the agent's hands were occupied with the mixing of biscuit dough, Mrs. Dipple requested her husband to act as her representative, and he obligingly complied. A little later he appeared in the kitchen with a troubled brow. "Nancy," he asked, anxiously, "was any of the town tickets blue?"

"No—all red," said Nancy. "Well,"—Mr. Dipple rubbed his head with a disturbed look,—"I sold Mrs. Packer a blue ticket, and then afterwards I noticed some red tickets in the drawer, an—"

**Modern Appliances for Whaling.**  
The use of the modern whaling cannon in place of the old-fashioned and more picturesque hand harpoon has been familiar for a good many years, but it is probably not widely known that another modern invention has been pressed into service. Compressed air is now pumped into the whale's carcass until it resembles a toy balloon, and the hole filled with oakum, so that the whaler may set the carcass afloat with a buoy to mark it, without danger of its sinking.

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**Heroism of Women.**  
It is painful to note that few Carnegie medals go to women. One might infer from this that heroism is exclusively a male characteristic, comments the Philadelphia Inquirer. Fortunately, it isn't so. As a fact most women have to be heroes to get through this world at all. They do things right along which would make a man famous. Some of them exhibit constant heroism by living with men who ought to be in jail or in the tomb. But, aside from such considerations, women have done their share in every branch of heroic effort so far as opportunities opened.

**Appeal to National Pride.**  
The Italian wrestler Brugglio was proceeding cautiously, says a writer in the Chicago Evening Post. He was feeling his opponent out, stalling him off with various pokes and not showing that daring in attack that the crowd likes. Most of them were silent, but one adviser, seated far away, kept yelling to him to "take a chance." As this seemed to make no impression with repetition, he shouted finally: "Take a chance, you wop lobster. Columbus took a chance."

## Might Not Be Alive.

McMinnville, Tenn.—Mrs. Otie Jett, of this place, writes: "I don't believe I would be living to-day, if it hadn't been for Cardui. I lay in bed for 27 days, and the doctor came every day, but he did me no good. Finally, he advised an operation, but I would not consent, and instead took Cardui. Now I am going about the house, doing my work, and even do my washing. Cardui worked wonders in my case. I am in better health than for five years." Cardui is a strengthening tonic for women. It relieves pain, tones up the nerves, builds strength. Try it. At your druggist's.

## MUSHROOMS, GOOD AND BAD

Larger Number of the 6,000 Fungi of America Are Appetizing and Nutritious.

Of the 6,000 fungi of the United States three are poisonous, further three unwholesome, but the larger number of the rest afford as appetizing and nutritious food as man could ask. In the shops cultivated mushrooms bring from 50 cents to \$1 a pound. Many of the wild ones are finer flavored and are to be had for the gathering. In the city of Chicago alone 50,000 persons could dine daily on this food for the gourmand without exhausting the supply to be gathered within the municipal limits. Ignorance is costly!

Six bad varieties of the mushroom family prevent the utilization of 6,000 good ones—and yet it is easy to distinguish the poisonous kinds, nor difficult to identify the others. The trouble is that the works treating of the fungi are rare and costly, hence not to be found outside of libraries.

Here is a field for public intervention and some of the states have recognized this. The state of New York has published a volume beautifully illustrated, describing the fungi found growing within its territory. T. C. Clements, state botanist of Minnesota, has issued the fourth volume of "Minnesota Plant Studies," which deals with the mushrooms of that state. He describes over 300 varieties. The three deadly amanitas (phalloid, vernal and fly) are figured and described, so that they could not fail to be recognized by any person of average intelligence.—Journal of Clinical Medicine.

## EVIDENCE TO PROVE IT



## TO FIGHT SLEEPING SICKNESS.

England and Germany have agreed to co-operate in fighting the sleeping sickness, that mysterious scourge of the native African subjects of both nations. A thorough investigation is to be made into the prevalence of the sleeping sickness in the Gold Coast colony, the Ashanti and Northern Territory protectorates, and Togo. Each government will keep the other informed of the prevalence of the disease in its territory, and will treat native subjects of other powers without charge; but each may impose restrictions on traffic at its frontier, and may prevent suspected sufferers from crossing its border. This arrangement between the two countries will continue at least for three years, and may be renewed at the end of that period.—Youth's Companion.

## COLOR BLIND.

"Father," asked little Archie, gravely, "what is color blindness. What does it mean?" "It means," was papa's reply, "that the people so affected cannot tell one color from another." "Oh, is that it? Well, the man that drew the maps in my new atlas must have been color blind, for in the map of Europe he's got the Black sea and the White sea painted blue."

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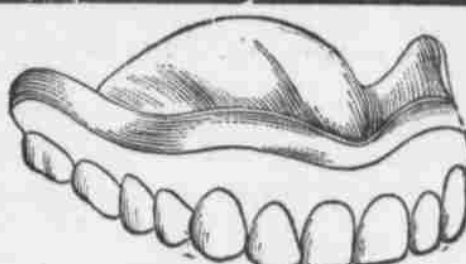
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